

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The open sale prices are fixed by the Government from time to time after taking relevant factors into consideration.

(c) FCI issues foodgrains under Public Distribution System to the State Governments or their nominees. In Andhra Pradesh, A.P. Civil Supply Corporation lifts the stocks from FCI godowns and distributes it to Fair Price Shops. The State Government takes necessary measures for proper use of wheat meant for Public Distribution System.

Wheat Supply to Bogus Firms

*52. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI :
SHRI I.D. SWAMI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether a racket involving Rs.200 crore worth of wheat has come to light in the recent past in Haryana;

(b) if so, whether wheat meant for free supply in open market was sold to 30 bogus firms by the Food Corporation of India;

(c) if so, the names of firms to whom the wheat was supplied and officials of FCI involved in the scam;

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted in the matter;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the action taken proposed to be taken against those found guilty ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) A case FIR No. 10 dated 16th January, 1997 against Senior Regional Manager, FCI, Haryana and others, under Section 420/109/199/200/120-B IPC, 7/10/55/EC Act and 3(1) (b) of Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, was registered at Police Station, Civil Lines, Rohtak, Haryana. The main allegation in the FIR is that illegal gratification was demanded for allotment of wheat under open sale scheme by agents of Sr. Regional Manager, FCI, Haryana. The FIR names the then Sr. Regional Manager, FCI, Haryana and two other FCI Officials, apart from the private parties. The aforesaid wheat is reported to have been sold to different parties at exorbitant rates. It is further alleged that 5000 bags of wheat were allotted to a flour mill which was closed for 2/3 years.

In addition, preliminary reports of local officers of Rohtak district have alleged that a few firms have indulged in black marketing of open-sale-wheat.

(d) to (f) Investigations in the case arising from FIR No. 10 are being conducted by the Police. The matter has, however, been taken up with the CBI also for investigation. Final outcome would be known only after completion of investigation.

Two FCI officials and three others have been arrested. Warrant of arrest against the then Senior Regional Manager, FCI, Haryana have been issued. The services of the then Senior Regional Manager, FCI, Haryana have been repatriated to his parent cadre.

Militant Activities

*53. SHRI REVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :
SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of RDX and explosive items alongwith arms and ammunition seized from the Kashmiri and other militants in the country during the last three years, upto now, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against the arrested militants ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) Statements showing the recoveries of RDX, Arms, Ammunition and Explosives during the years 1994, 1995 and 1996 are attached at Statement I, II and III.

(b) At the Central level, the following action is taken to curb militancy :

1. Ensuring coordination with State Governments/ Intelligence agencies/Investigating agencies of Central Government or matters relating to exchange of information, sharing of intelligence, planning of strategy and taking coordinated action.
2. Protection of international borders by
 - (a) Fencing and flood lighting in the sensitive areas on international borders.
 - (b) Strengthening the BSF on the borders through supply of night vision devices, hand held sets, binoculars, dragon lights etc. so as to enhance their capabilities.
 - (c) Setting up additional BOPs (Border Out Posts) with a view of reduce inter BOP distance.
3. Deployment of para military forces and providing of assistance of armed forces where necessary in affected areas.
4. Banning of militant 'outfits' where such activities

are spread over more than one State.

of weapons in special circumstances.

5. Providing of financial assistance to affected State Governments over the above the on-going allocation for modernisation of police and supply (c) Action against arrested militants is taken under the relevant provisions of law, including National Security Act/Public Safety Act.

Statement-I

Statement showing the recoveries of RDX.ARNS. Ammunition & Explosives

1994

S.No.	State	RDX (Kgs.)	Explosive (Kgs.)	Arms	Ammunition
1.	Delhi	—		11	21
2.	J & K	5	1508	1615	74255
3.	Gujarat	—	—	—	—
4.	Haryana	—	—	—	—
5.	Punjab	25-5		186	811
6.	Rajasthan	—	—	—	—
7.	MP	—		2	
8.	Maharashtra			4	542
9.	Andhra Pradesh	—		30	143
10.	North East	—		402	2490

Note : State wise break up of explosives recovered during 1994 not available. Total country wide 647 packets/bundles/boxes, 1,56,655 Nos. (pieces) and 2813 Kgs. explosive were recovered

Statement-II

Statement showing the recoveries of RDX.ARNS. Ammunition & Explosives seized

1995

S.No.	State	RDX (Kgs.)	Explosive (Kgs.)	Arms	Ammunition
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Delhi	1	5 Nos 1.3 (Kgs)	118	539
2.	J & K	9	1689	3158	52995
3.	Gujarat	10 (Pkts)	1978 (Nos) 23 (Kgs)	109	2795
4. & 5.	Punjab/Haryana	720	75334 (Nos) 136 (Kgs) 6 (Pkts)	350	7728
6.	Rajasthan	—	6 (Nos)	1154	2547
7.	MP	—	190 (Kgs) 31 (Nos)	248	7625
8.	Maharashtra	—	60 (Boxes) 82 (Kgs) 436 (Nos)	26	557

1	2	3	4	5	6
9.	Andhra Pradesh	-	169 (Pkts) 3750 (Nos) 586 (Kgs)	953	862
10.	North East	-	271 (Nos)	1881	7576
11.	Tamil Nadu/Kerala	-	97 (Pkts) 25415 (Nos) 10220 (Kgs)	10	359
12.	Orissa	-	204 (Nos) 612 (Kgs) 2 (Pkts)	21	9
13.	Karnataka	-	4709 (Nos) 32 (Boxes) 29.5 (Kgs)	18	64
14.	West Bengal	-	378 (Nos)	497	24874
15.	Bihar	-	631 (Nos)	297	2797
16.	Assam	-	913 (Nos) 5 (Bundles)	238	1641
17.	UP	-	435 (Nos)	5691	10904
18.	Himachal Pradesh	-	2203 (Nos) 150 (Kgs)	-	-

NB : NUMBER connotes detonators, pencil bombs, grenade, timer pencil, release mechanism ETC. whose weights are not known.

PACKETS connotes packets of Gelatine Sticks, safety fuse etc.

Statement-III

Statement showing the recoveries of RDX, ARNS, Ammunition & Explosives seized

1996

S.No.	State	RDX (Kgs.)	Explosive (Kgs.)	Arms	Ammunition
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Delhi	4	-	157	342
2.	J & K	150	3549	9038	192831
3.	Gujarat	2 (Pkts)	1044 (Nos) 36 (Boxes)	298	6248
4.	Punjab/Haryana	99 (Kgs)	99 (Nos) 100 (Boxes)	137	4083
5.	Rajasthan	-	1 (Nos) 5 (Kgs) 68 (Boxes)	109	644
6.	MP	-	130 (Nos)	75	196

1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	Maharashtra	—	53 (Boxes) 1 (Kgs) 4362 (Nos)	17	1672
8.	Andhra Pradesh	—	769 (Nos) 1.6 (Kgs)	120	1396
9.	North East	—	16 (Nos)	597	2063
10.	Tamil Nadu/Kerala	—	—	64	107
11.	Orissa	—	426 (Boxes) 100 (Kgs) 469 (Nos)	34	118
12.	Karnataka	—	25 (Nos) 1 (Kg)	12	1415
13.	West Bengal	—	182 (Nos) 21 (Bundles)	281	288
14.	Bihar	—	21 (Nos) 8 (Boxes) 100 (Kgs)	188	749
15.	Assam	—	276 (Nos) 1 (Kg)	248	3148
16.	UP	—	277 (Nos) 8 (Boxes)	4406	9394
17.	Himachal Pradesh	—	248 (Nos) 1488 (Kgs)	5	14

N.B. : NUMBER connotes detonators, pencil bombs, grenade, timer pencil, release mechanism etc. whose weights are not available.

PACKETS connotes packets of gelatine sticks, safety fuse etc.

Incidents of Bride Burning

*54. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of deaths due to bride burning in the country during 1996, State-wise/Union-Territory-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to prevent such deaths ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) Available information is given in the Statement attached

(b) 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects as per provisions contained in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime, including the crime relating to 'bridge burning', is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Govern-

ment has, from time to time, been writing to the State Governments stressing the need to take preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures in connection with crimes against women. The measures suggested by the Central Government include; inter-alia the appointment of Dowry Prohibition Officers, setting up of Women Cell in police stations, wider recruitment of women police officers and gender sensitisation training to police personnel, etc. The Central Government has also been modifying and amending the legislation with a view to making the laws more stringent. The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 was amended in 1984 and 1986. The Indian Penal Code, 1860. The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and. The Indian Evidence Act, 1872, have been amended to deal effectively not only with dowry death cases but also with cases of cruelty to married women. The media is being used to project the positive role of women in society. Awareness generation camps have also been organised.